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Question No: 233(e)

Australian Communications and Media Authority
Hansard Ref: Written 19/02/2016

Topic: Building Lease Costs

Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department?
2. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by:
 - (a) Date the lease agreement is active from.
 - (b) Date the lease agreement ends.
 - (c) Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not?
 - (d) Location of the building (City and state).
 - (e) Cost of the lease.
 - (f) Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.
3. Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed during the specified period. Please detail by:
 - (a) Date from which the lease agreement was active.
 - (b) Date the lease agreement ended.
 - (c) Why was the lease not renewed?
 - (d) Location of the building (City and state).
 - (e) Cost of the lease.
 - (f) Why the building was necessary for the operations of the agency / department.
4. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by:
 - (a) Date the lease agreement is expected to become active.
 - (b) Date the lease agreement is expected to end.
 - (c) Expected location of the building (City and state).
 - (d) Expected cost of the lease.
 - (e) Has this cost been allocated into the budget?
 - (f) Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.
5. For each building owned or leased by the department:

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- (a) What is the current occupancy rate for the building?
(b) If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for.

Answer:

1. Building lease costs since 14 September 2015 to 31 March 2016 is \$2.533m.

2. (a) Date the lease agreement is active from:

Sydney 1 March 2011
Canberra 1 September 2013
Melbourne 1 January 2014
Brisbane 14 October 2015
Parramatta 1 March 2008.

(b) Date the lease agreement ends:

Sydney 28 February 2021
Canberra 1 September 2023
Melbourne 1 January 2026
Brisbane 30 March 2021
Parramatta 28 February 2017

(c) Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not?

Sydney Yes
Canberra Yes
Melbourne Yes
Brisbane Yes
Parramatta Decision pending.

(d) Location of the building (City and State)

Sydney, Pyrmont, NSW
Canberra, Belconnen, ACT
Melbourne. CBD, VIC
Brisbane. CBD, QLD
Parramatta, NSW.

(e) The cost of each lease per annum is:

Sydney \$1.850M
Canberra \$1.947M
Melbourne \$1.742M

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Brisbane \$0.225M

Parramatta \$0.074M

(f) Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency/department:

Each building is required by the ACMA to ensure functions of the office can be provide to government and the community.

3. Lease not renewed during the specified period:

(a) 1 December 2005.

(b) 30 November 2015.

(c) Extensive refurbishment would have been essential.

(d) Brisbane Outer CBD, QLD.

(e) \$0.176M per annum.

(f) The building was required by the ACMA to ensure functions of the office were provided to government and the community.

4. Buildings expected to be leased in the next 12 months:

(a) 28 February 2017.

(b) The lease period is yet to be negotiated.

(c) Parramatta NSW.

(d) The estimated cost will be in the order of \$0.070M per annum.

(e) Yes.

(f) The building is required by the ACMA to ensure functions of the office can be provided to government and the community.

5. For each building owned or leased by the department:

(a) Sydney 100%

Canberra 81%

Melbourne 100%

Brisbane 100%

Parramatta 100.00%

(b) The remaining 19% in the Canberra building is located on the ground floor and is vacant. The ACMA is attempting to find a suitable tenant through a property management company.